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U.N. sessions begin

De Cuellar names aides

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 5 (AP) — Javier Perez De Cuellar began his first working day as new U.N. Secretary-General Monday by announcing the appointments of a Tunisian and a Peruvian to be his top aides.

Perez De Cuellar, a 61-year-old former Peruvian diplomat who succeeded Kurt Waldheim as U.N. chief named Muhammad Eissaaf, once Tunisia's U.N. ambassador, as chief de cabinet. Since September 1980, Eissaaf, 51, had been Waldheim's special representative for humanitarian affairs in southeast Asia.

Emilio de Olivares, a 44-year-old lawyer and former Peruvian diplomat, was appointed Perez De Cuellar's executive assistant. He had been a U.N. executive officer under Waldheim.

In other appointments:

—Francois Giuliani, 43, an Algerian-born

Mitterrand postpones Israel trip

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand has postponed his planned trip to Israel next month because of its annexation of the Golan Heights, reliable sources said here Tuesday.

Mitterrand was to have visited Israel from Feb. 10 to 12. No new date for the trip was immediately set, but the president still plans to make the journey, the sources said. A French delegation was to have left Paris for Israel Wednesday to prepare for Mitterrand's visit but its departure was also postponed without a new date being set.

The sources said that the postponement of Mitterrand's visit was the result of Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights. France joined in the worldwide criticism of the move.

Frenchman who served under Waldheim, was retained as spokesman for the secretary-general.

—Giandomenico Picco, a 33-year-old Italian with political science degrees from the University of Padua and the University of California, was named first officer in Cuellar's executive office. Picco served under the Perez de Cuellar when the latter was Waldheim's special representative on Cyprus and later U.N. undersecretary-general for special political affairs.

—Rafeeuddin Ahmad, 49, a Pakistani diplomat who was Waldheim's chief de cabinet, was named to succeed Eissaaf as special representative of the secretary-general for humanitarian affairs in southeast Asia.

Perez De Cuellar arrived at his new office on the 38th floor of U.N. headquarters shortly after 10 a.m. (1500 GMT), after first stopping off at the U.N. meditation room off the public lobby. His first official meeting was with Kenneth Dadzie, Ghanaian U.N. director-general for development and international economic cooperation.

Other meetings on Perez De Cuellar's first-day schedule included one with Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky, Security Council president for January. The 15-nation council is expected to begin consultations Tuesday on possible further steps against Israel for its annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. Last month, the council adopted a unanimous resolution declaring the annexation illegal and null and void. Israel, meanwhile, has refused to rescind the annexation.

Over the weekend, Perez De Cuellar held a series of consultations with aides at his temporary residence in the Waldorf Tower.

Debate resumes today

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 5 (R) — The U.N. Security Council will meet Wednesday at 2030 GMT to resume debate on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, council sources said Tuesday after holding private consultations.

Poland reported ready to send rebels to West

PARIS, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski offered to let interned Polish citizens emigrate to the West when he met the 10 European Economic Community ministers in Warsaw Monday, government sources here said Tuesday.

(A Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman in The Hague backed up the report, saying that Gen. Jaruzelski had said he would not oppose moves by interned Poles to obtain political asylum in European countries.

(But in Bonn, reliable Western sources gave a totally contradictory account of the meeting, saying that "at no time" had Gen. Jaruzelski raised the possibility of EEC countries accepting interned leaders of the banned independent labor movement Solidarity.)

According to the Paris sources, Jaruzelski told the ambassadors during the one-and-a-half hour meeting that some detainees had been freed, but that the "Solidarity troublemakers" remained interned. The sources quoted Jaruzelski as saying that, "If certain countries wish to take in certain interned persons, we will allow them to leave."

At the conclusion of the meeting, the sources said, Belgium's ambassadors, speaking for all 10 envoys, read a statement calling for the release of all persons interned in

EEC mulls ban on Soviet goods

BRUSSELS, Jan. 5 (AP) — The 10-nation European Common Market is studying a plan to restrict imports from the Soviet Union to protest Soviet involvement in the Polish military crackdown, a U.S. Congressman said Tuesday.

Representative Thomas Lantos, Democrat-California, said senior Common Market commission leaders told him the restrictions, if imposed, would be part of a coordinated U.S.-European sanctions policy to bring about a relaxation of military rule in Poland. U.S. President Ronald Reagan last week announced a ban on export of high technology items to the Soviet Union. Lantos said in a telephone interview the Europeans feel they should examine "other types of actions that might be more productive."

"Soviet sales to Europe are now important. Restrictions could take a number of forms, — a less favorable tariff treatment or an outright ban." Lantos said the commission is studying the impact of such sanctions and that no timetable for decision had been set, but added: "There was strong consensus around the table we all have to move expeditiously."

He said, "European public opinion is way ahead of governments," in seeing a need for strong reaction to the Polish crackdown. "Governments are trying to catch up with that opinion." Lantos, chairman of a delegation of 14 Congressmen on a European fact-finding tour, said the group learned of the sanctions study during a meeting with Common Market external affairs commissioner Wilhelm Haferkamp and four other members of the 10-nation trade bloc's executive committee.

Fahd, Boucetta talk

RIYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd discussed the latest developments in the Middle East and the international situation. Tuesday with Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who attended the meeting, later held talks with Boucetta and Klibi on the same subjects.

In the evening, the crown prince received North Yemeni Foreign Minister Ali Lotfi Al-Thor, who was accompanied by Ali Al-Mehami, Yemeni ambassador to the Kingdom. Thor arrived here Monday on a visit to the Kingdom.

Prince Fahd also welcomed the ulema and tribal chiefs, as is the royal custom every week.

Meanwhile, the Moroccan foreign minister told SPA that his visit was within the framework of consultations and exchange of views between the two brotherly countries. He added that he has brought a message from King Hassan II of Morocco for King Fahd and Crown Prince Fahd.

Boucetta said that both he and the Arab League secretary general will discuss with Saudi Arabian officials the Arab situation and the possibility of resuming the deferred

Arab summit meeting. Asked whether there was a definite date for the convening of the summit, Boucetta said it would require some time to hold consultations with the Arab states, and added that the efforts now being exerted to clear the Arab atmosphere would realize the unity of Arab ranks.

He lauded the efforts of King Fahd and the crown prince in this direction, and said that this meeting was a starting point for the unification of Arab ranks.

On the restoration of Moroccan-Algerian relations, Boucetta expressed the hope that Arab side rifts would be dissolved in the shortest possible time and in the best conditions, so that the Arabs are able to unify their ranks and confront challenges and the common enemy. Meanwhile, he said his country welcomed the restoration of normal ties between Saudi Arabia and Libya, and added that this would indeed serve the Arab interest and unify the Arabs before their common enemy.

Boucetta and Klibi arrived here from Jeddah early Tuesday within the context of their current visit to the Kingdom. They were met at the airport by Prince Saud; a representative of the Royal Protocol and several Foreign Ministry officials.

Calls for one command

Libya OKs Syrian union

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — The People's General Congress, Libya's highest decision-making body, approved a four-point plan on Tuesday to speed up a projected union between Syria and Libya, the Libyan state radio reported.

The plan was announced on the eve of a scheduled debate, by the U.N. Security Council of Israel's refusal to rescind its effective annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. It called for the establishment of a unified command for the armed forces of the two countries as well as a unified executive body made up of Libya's present General People's Committee (cabinet) and Syria's council of ministers, according to the broadcast.

The plan also proposed that parliaments of the two People's General Congress and Syria's People's Council — convene in a "unified national congress" as part of the drive to speed up the union process. Col.

There was no immediate Syrian response to the new Libyan initiative, which stipulated that the "unified revolutionary leadership" of the two countries headed jointly by Assad and Qaddafi "begin action to push through all the necessary measures to realize the union immediately."

A unified Syrian-Libyan state would have a combined population of 12,275,000 with armed forces totaling 277,000 men equipped with 3,369 tanks and combat aircraft, according to the 1981-82 edition of the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies report on military forces.

Colombo arrives for talks

RYADH, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo arrived here Tuesday evening on a three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia.

He was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal; Salem Sunbul, Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol; Ambassador Mamoun Al-Qabbani, director of the European desk at the foreign ministry; Khaled Al-Nasser, the Kingdom's ambassador in Rome; Marcello Salimei, Italian ambassador to the Kingdom and several high-ranking civil and military officials.

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In the August operation, the South Africans captured a Soviet junior officer and killed four Soviet officers, two of whom were women, observers noted. Gen. Klopfer, speaking at a news conference, said that the Cubans' presence "indicates once again the tendency of Russia and her surrogates to become involved in South Africa's and South-West Africa's struggle against SWAPO."

"South Africa in contrast is responsible for the safety of the inhabitants of South-West Africa and will use all the means at her disposal to protect innocent people against terrorist, murder and atrocities."

The general said one Cuban was killed and another taken prisoner during a pursuit operation against fighters of the South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). He did not specify when the clashes occurred.

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In annual session

Sino-Saudi body to meet

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — The sixth session of the Sino-Saudi Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission will open in Riyadh Saturday under joint chairmanship of Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil and Chinese Economics Minister William Chao.

Chao is expected to arrive here Thursday leading a 20-member delegation to the joint commission's meetings. This year's session will center on cooperation in science and technology (including meteorology), posts and telecommunications, communications, trade and industry, agriculture, finance and

shipping.

In addition to the meeting, Chao is also to call on ministers of industry and electricity, petroleum and minerals, commerce, agriculture and water, planning, communications, and chairman of the national center for science and technology.

Among the members of the Chinese delegation are Ambassador Hsueh Yu-chi, Chang Ming-Che, chairman of the national science council; and Vice Economics Minister Chang Hsui-Shwen. It is Chao's first visit to the Kingdom since he was appointed economics minister last November. He visited here five years ago in his capacity as general manager of the state-run China Steel Corp.

The Sino-Saudi economic and technical committee was established in 1976 to oversee the rapidly growing cooperation between the two countries. Under its supervision, a number of joint projects including the \$350 million Jubail Fertilizer Co., are being carried out in the Kingdom, and hundreds of Chinese experts are working with the Saudi government in the agriculture, communications, electricity, and science and technology.

Cooperation between the two countries was first initiated in 1970 and was further strengthened four years later with the signing of an economic and technical accord for marine transportation, cultural, medical, scientific and agricultural cooperation.

Taiwan provides the Kingdom with assistance in fields of technology, expertise and training facilities. China is participating in the Kingdom's plan for improving railways and in carrying out agricultural, road and fishery projects. Oil remains Saudi Arabia's main export to China, while the Kingdom imports manufactured commodities such as clothes, machines, electrical equipment, plastic products, and foodstuffs.

Turks, ATO to sign accord here

By Maher Abbass
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — A cooperation agreement between Turkish municipalities and the Arab Towns Organization (ATO) will be signed here Monday. A delegation of mayors, deputy mayors and representatives of related government departments in Turkey will arrive here Sunday.

Jeddah Municipality sources told *Arab News* that the agreement will cover cultural, social and economic cooperation between Turkish and Arab municipalities. It also will include exchange of experts and expertise. The agreement will be signed by Tabet Al-Taber, ATO director general, and co-signed by Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi.

The sources said that agreements will be



CONCLUDES VISIT: Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani (L) talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki in Tokyo Tuesday before his departure concluding a three-day visit. He conveyed a message from Crown Prince Fahd to Suzuki. Japan and the Kingdom are not only bound with oil, technological and commercial relations but they also agree on their policies at the international circles, Sheikh Yamani said. He also had met with Japan's International Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe and Foreign Minister Yosio Sakurada. The message delivered by Sheikh Yamani dealt with the reasons of postponing Prince Fahd's visit to Japan, according to press reports.

Ibn Jiluwi opens book fair

DHAHRAN, Jan. 5 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi dedicated the University of Petroleum and Minerals third Arab book fair Tuesday. The fair is being held at the university's central library building.

Dr. Ruwaid Al-Aqqad, deans of the student affairs department, welcomed Prince Abdul Mohsen in a statement and explained the contents of the fair. He also thanked the

participating publishing houses for reducing the prices of the books on display.

Prince Abdul Mohsen expressed his admiration on the standard of the fair after inspecting its displays. The fair, which lasts until Jan. 13, groups more than 35 local and Arab publishers who put more than 4,000 books on display. It will be open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the evening.

Gulf health talks begin in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Jan. 5 (SPA) — The 12th session of the Health Ministerial Council of Arab Gulf States opened here Tuesday. Kuwait Health Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi inaugurated the meeting.

He highlighted the achievements of previous conferences of Gulf health ministers in his opening speech. He also said that the conference contributed toward promoting health services and coordinating efforts among authorities in charge of health in the member states.

The conference, which lasts until Thursday, will discuss several topics including the draft of a unified law for kidney operations and transplant. Talks also will cover treatment with X-rays, medical rehabilitation of the handicapped, several medicines, approving a joint cadre statute for physicians and medical technicians in the region, health planning and combating malaria.

Swiss doctors to visit local hospital

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 5 — Two professors of a new school of orthopedic, bone, treatment are due to arrive here next week to perform operations at the New Jeddah Clinic.

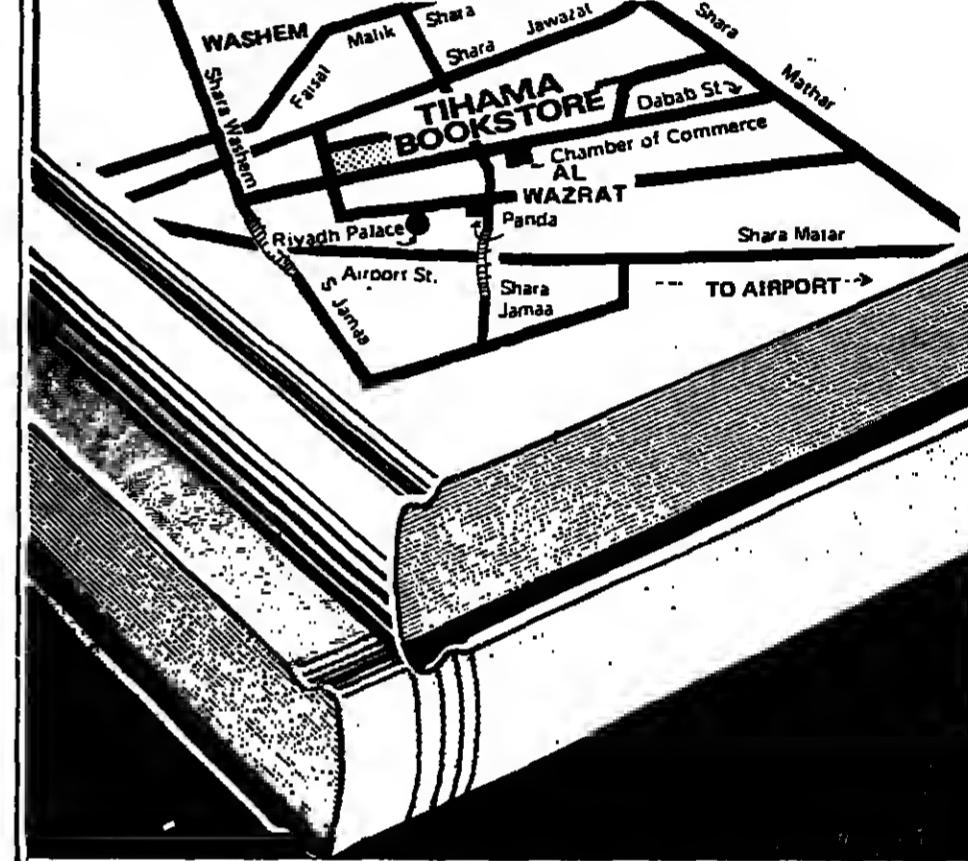
The hospital director and owner Dr. Hamed Muttabagani told *Arab News* Tuesday that the two Swiss doctors use a new method of fixing fractured bones and previously incurable bone problems by the internal

repair of fractured bones with compression (osteosynthesis) without using plaster.

Prof. Hanz Willenger, president of AO International, Switzerland; and Prof. Reinhold Ganz, director of orthopedic university clinic, Beren, will be available at the hospital between Jan. 15 and 20. They will lecture fellow doctors at the Nova Park Hotel Jan. 17 and 18 and are scheduled to visit Riadah hospitals and lecture doctors there, according to Dr. Muttabagani.

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Despite Soviet intervention

19 Afghan provinces gripped by fighting

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — More than two years after Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan to help stamp out anti-government, anti-Marxist resistance, fighting continues in at least 19 of the Asian nation's 28 provinces, a report from Kabul says.

Some of the bloodiest fighting is in Parwan province north of Kabul where a recent Soviet-Afghan offensive has sent thousands of refugees fleeing to the capital, said the assessment from a source who has been accurate in the past.

The source estimated that about half of the 5,000 to 6,000 casualties the Soviets reportedly have suffered since they intervened have occurred in Parwan. One reason is that main supply route from the Soviet Union runs south through the province to Kabul, and some of the fiercest fighting has seen the Afghan freedom fighters trying to help themselves to supplies while the Soviets are determined to keep the highway open.

A recent development has seen the Soviets use tanks like bulldozers to flatten houses, temples, and everything else within 30 to 500 meters on both sides of the main highway between Charikar and Kabul, the source said.

The idea is to remove the buildings from which freedom fighters hide to attack convoys with shoulder-fired rockets that have a range of about 200 meters.

Some 30 to 35 small villages — about half those in the district — have been destroyed along with an estimated 500 to 1,000 individual structures along the highway, the report said.

A similar tactic has been used along the highway running south from Kabul through Logar province to Gardez, the report said, adding that the drive to clear away structures from that road is nearly complete.

Meanwhile, the report said government



FIRST MEETING: Holding his first meeting as U.N. secretary general, Javier Perez de Cuellar (right) seen talking with Syrian Ambassador Dia Allah El-Fattal at the United Nations Monday.

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Sudan closes schools after student riots

KHARTOUM, Jan. 5 (AP) — All schools in the Khartoum province were ordered closed down indefinitely Monday after students resorted to violence to protest increased government sugar prices.

A joint statement issued by the education ministry and police authorities said the closure decision was taken to "preserve the lives of young students and the property of the citizens" after two days of rioting.

It said the rioting students threw stones at cars, passersby and gas stations, causing chaos in some places and encouraging some "elements" to set fire to some kiosks. Some 120 kiosks at a market four kilometers south of Khartoum were reported to have been set ablaze but no official estimate of the damages was immediately available.

The statement, carried by the Sudanese news agency, said the students also broke into girls schools, forced the girls out of classes and threatened to beat their teachers. The government increased sugar prices by 62.5 percent on Jan. 1 in an effort to revive Sudan's economy. A pound of sugar now costs 26 Sudanese piasters, about 30 U.S. cents.

The sugar price hike was made in accordance with an 18-point plan announced by President Jaafar Numeiri last November to boost the economy, plagued by inflation and a deficit in the balance of payment. The Sudanese pound was also devalued by 12.5 percent.

The agency said later that a huge fire broke out at the market place where the 120 kiosks were burned down but did not specify when. The fire caused heavy damages but no casualties, it added.

The incident was a deliberate act of sabotage, the agency quoted an official at the fire brigades as saying. It said investigations are underway but gave no further details.

Syria, PLO keen on ceasefire in Lebanon-Erskine

TIBERIAS, Israel, Jan. 5 (R) — Lt.-Gen. Emmanuel Erskine, commander of the United Nations forces in the Middle East, has said here that both Syria and the Palestinian commandos wanted the ceasefire in Lebanon to continue.

Speaking Monday at the annual reception for the United Nations by the mayor of Tiberias, Gen. Erskine said that United Nations commanders were in regular contact with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat. They reported that the PLO would continue to abide by its commitment to respect the ceasefire in South Lebanon.

"There have been no new developments in the region and we have not observed any heavy weapons being brought into South Lebanon," Erskine said.

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PRESS CONFERENCE: French Defense Minister Charles Hernu (left) and Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Hafiz Abo Gazzala during the press conference Sunday before Hernu's return to France. Hernu announced a sale of Mirage jets and other arms to Egypt. On Monday, the United States welcomed the French arms sale to Egypt, saying it sees no conflict between its program to supply F-16 jet fighters to Egypt and the French deal.

U.S. lauds French arms to Egypt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — The State Department has said it sees no conflict between its program to supply F-16 jet fighters to Egypt and the reported French sale of 20 Mirage 2000 fighters to that country.

Spokesman Dean Fischer said Monday the administration has long recognized the Egyptian's need for military equipment went far beyond that which the United States has been able to provide through its military assistance program.

"To the extent that Egypt can further its efforts to replace a portion of its aircraft

Tel Aviv protests Egyptian statements

Haig visits Israel next week

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig is expected to visit Israel next week, government officials said Tuesday. An exact date has not yet been set, but Haig will travel here for a short visit after a NATO meeting in Brussels and carry on to Cairo, the officials said.

The visit was to replace a trip by Haig in December that was canceled because of the Polish crisis, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Israel has protested to Egypt over recent statements that Israel views as contradicting the Camp David accords between the two countries, the officials said.

David Kimche, director general of the foreign ministry visited Egypt to raise Israel's objections to statements urging the United States to apply pressure on Israel for annex-

Scowcroft maybe named M.E. envoy

— WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — The Ronald Reagan administration is expected to appoint retired Air Force Gen. Brent Scowcroft as special U.S. negotiator for the Israeli-Egyptian talks on establishing a system of Palestinian self-rule in Israeli-occupied territory, informed sources said Monday.

Scowcroft, who served as national security adviser under former President Gerald Ford, would be the third special U.S. negotiator since the talks began after Egypt and Israel signed their peace treaty in March 1979.

Both Egypt and Israel have indicated they would welcome a more active U.S. role in the autonomy negotiations. Egypt, in particular, is anxious to reach agreement by next April

U.S. raps Israeli overflights of Iraq

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (R) — The State Department has criticized reported overflights of Iraq by Israeli planes and said the incidents were likely to increase tension in the area.

Spokesman Dean Fischer said Monday the United States had conveyed its view to the Israeli government that such actions were

Soviet military equipment with assistance from others, this is a development which we would welcome and which will complement our own efforts to be of assistance," he said.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, U.S. Senator Charles Percy said after a meeting Monday with President Hosni Mubarak that the United States will continue supporting Egypt politically, economically and militarily.

In an interview appearing in Tuesday's Al Ahram newspaper, Percy, who is the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said U.S. aid to Egypt would improve the chances for Middle East peace.

Iran teams to explain 'revolution'

BEIRUT, Jan. 5 (AP) — Iran is planning to send 25 delegations to 60 countries in February "to explain the realities of the Iranian revolution" as part of celebrations to mark the third anniversary of the revolution that overthrew the Shah regime, Tehran radio reported Monday.

The radio, quoting deputy foreign minister for cultural and consular affairs, Javad Mansouri, said 200 persons, including clergymen, parliament members and revolutionaries, guardsmen will travel abroad mostly to Islamic countries to organize celebrations for the revolution's anniversary.

Mansouri said the delegations' main job would be to "present proof and documents in favor of the revolution, to counter propaganda leveled against us in other countries." He gave no indications what sorts of documents would be presented.

Iran will also invite 300 foreign guests to Tehran to take part in a week of celebrations to mark Feb. 11, Iran's National Day and the anniversary of the revolution.

Meanwhile in Peking, China's leading newspaper urged Iran and Iraq Tuesday to halt their fighting because "only the superpowers benefit from this bloody clash."

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said that since the outbreak of the war, the two superpowers have intensified their rivalry in the area and fueled the flames of war by selling arms to the warring countries.

"The superpower in the neighborhood is working both sides, trying to curry favor with both and seize the opportunity for expansion and infiltration," the paper said. The Soviet Union borders on Iran.

Greece denies hostile attitude toward Turkey

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (AP) — Greek Foreign Minister Ioannis Haralambopoulos has rejected Turkish claims that Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou has aggressive intentions toward Turkey.

His statement Monday in reply to comments by Kamuran Gurun, secretary-general of the Turkish Foreign Ministry, who was quoted in the Turkish daily Hurriyet as saying that the "aggressive stand" by Papandreou is a cause for strain in the disputed Aegean.

Haralambopoulos said Papandreou "has made clear ... that we seek absolutely nothing from Turkey, but that simultaneously we consider unacceptable any claims by Turkey against Greece."

"Repeated provocations, violations of Greek national space and statements by the political leaders of Turkey do not leave margins for misinterpretations concerning the real situation in the Aegean, which in effect constitutes an unprovoked threat against Greece," Haralambopoulos added.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — The security department Tuesday announced travel restrictions for 100,000 Turks, notably persons wanted by police for political reasons. The move, banning foreign travel, also concerns those wanted for other offenses, draft dodgers, tax evaders and persons who have committed administrative offenses.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Sinai settlers turned back a government-hired demolition team that started dismantling the farming community's greenhouses Monday for transportation behind the future Israel-Egypt frontier, Israel radio reported.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — The Algerian parliament has decided to postpone a decision on whether to abolish the death penalty, after several days of debate.

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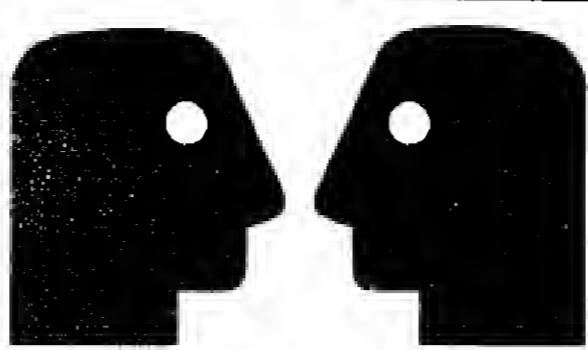
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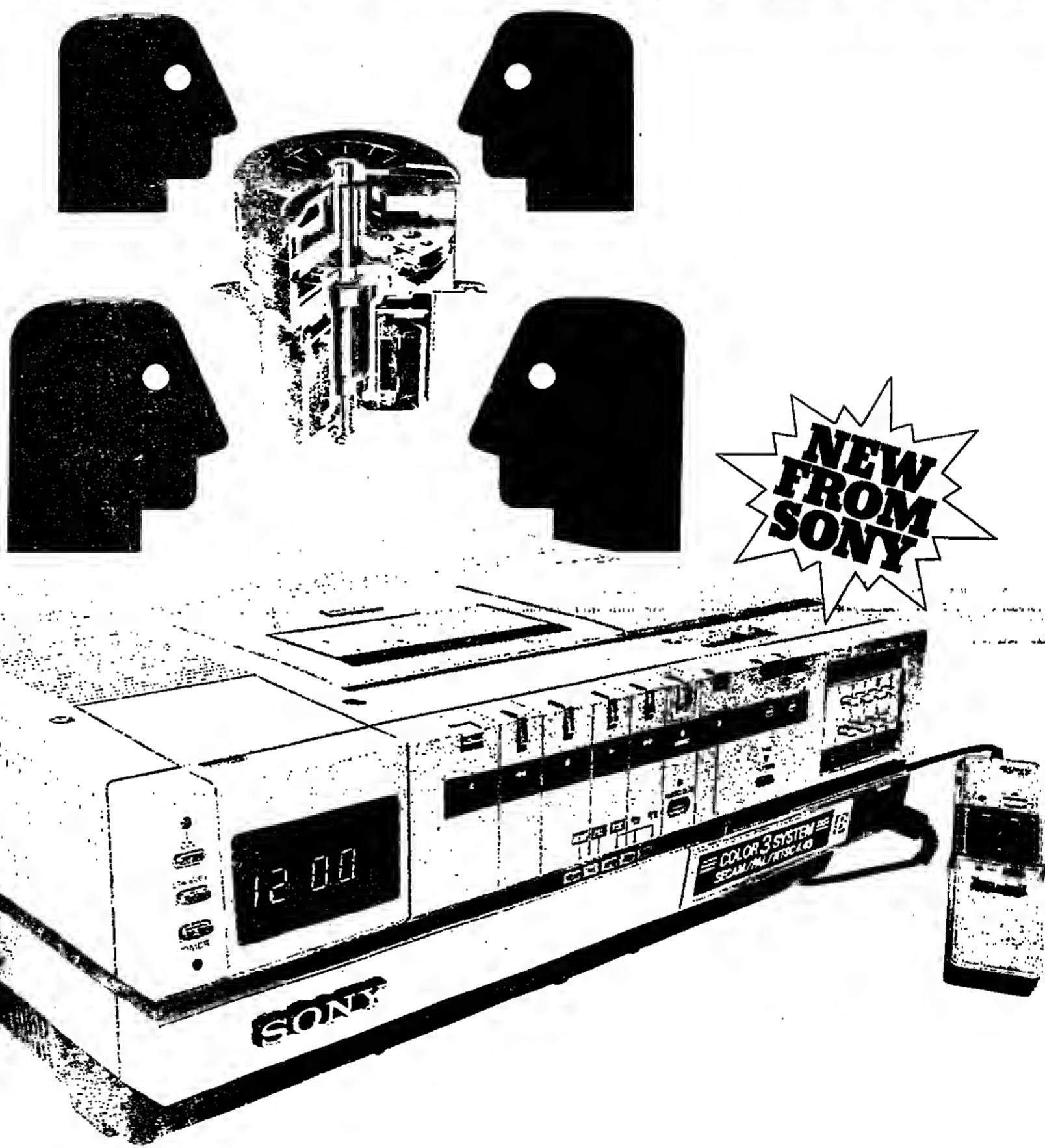
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SDP, Liberals pose threat to Tories, Labor

By Barry May

LONDON —

After a year in which British politics was turned upside down with ideological rifts, revolts and a new pretender, battle lines will be drawn in 1982 for an election that could see the established parties rejected.

For the ruling Conservative Party, 1981 was the year when rebels in the cabinet and parliament loudly voiced fears of grave electoral consequences from the government's tough economic policies.

For the opposition Labor Party, it was a year of turmoil. The left battled with the center in a ferocious struggle for the soul of the labor movement, distracting the party from its central task of supplying a Socialist challenge to Conservative policy.

Out of the Labor strife was born the Social Democratic Party (SDP), nurtured from nothing to join the minority Liberal Party in an alliance now reckoned popular enough to capture the support of a majority of Britain's voters. This time last year there was no SDP and no alliance. Today, 28 parliamentarians, most of them disaffected Labor members, call themselves Social Democrats.

With a dozen Liberals in the House of Commons, the Social Democrat members form a small but influential power bloc. Already the Social Democrats claim to have broken the mold of British politics by wrecking the entrenched two-party system that has dominated the country most of this century. The system was, in effect, a pendulum that swung power back and forth between Labor and Conservatives during general elections to the exclusion of all other contenders.

Britain's traditional first-past-the-post or winner-take-all electoral system — the only such system in the 10 nation European community — ensured that the Liberals, out of government for more than 50 years, remained in third place.

Now, with the Social Democrats emerging as a powerful new political force, the Liberal-SDP alliance is given a real chance in public opinion polls of forming the next British government. Quite apart from their own internal problems of ideology and philosophy, the prospect of an upstart newcomer seizing the reins of power has shaken the two major parties.

The Times of London commented on the parties: "No longer can any of the familiar landmarks be taken for granted."

Margaret Thatcher, elected Britain's first woman prime minister in 1979, is more than half-way through her five-year term. She is bound by law to call an election by mid-1984. Mrs. Thatcher, 56, has been widely accused of raising unemployment to nearly three million by insisting on a strategy of reducing inflation by tightly controlling the money supply.

Unemployment is now 12.2 percent of the workforce, up from around nine percent a year ago, and economists predict it will burst through the political-sensitive three-million mark in January, historically a bad month for jobs.

Mrs. Thatcher is rated Britain's most unpopular prime minister since surveys of such sentiment began in the 1930s. But despite the unpopularity, she has stuck doggedly to her monetarist strategy regardless of the political cost.

However, her concentration on fighting inflation, at a peak of 21.8 percent in May 1980, has met with only limited success. Inflation was down to 15.3 percent a year ago and has been trimmed to 12 percent in the last few months. But it has not reached the government's target of 10 percent by the end of 1981.

Thatcher says 1982 could be a year of economic recovery, declaring: "I think we're over the worst."

Political sources say the challenge for Thatcher in 1982 is to produce enough evidence of recovery from the worst recession in the memory of most Britons to silence her Conservative critics and quash the dissent in the party.

The problems facing Labor's leader Michael Foot are more daunting.

Elected leader in November 1980 at the age of 67, he has presided over a year of bitter feuding that spawned the Social Democrats and depleted Labor's parliamentary ranks by one-tenth. The left-versus-right struggle for power sidetracked Labor from its role as an alternative to the Conservative government. The dissension sent Labor's public standing plummeting when it should have taken advantage of an unpopular government.

At Foot's insistence, the Labor Party has agreed to investigate the infiltration of left-wing extremists who now dominate much of its infrastructure. But with radical Socialist Tony Benn, an influential former cabinet minister, actively on the scene and set squarely against the moderate elements of the left, the feuding is far from over.

For the Labor Party, founded at the turn of the century as the political arm of the trades union movement, the challenge in 1982 is to put its house in order and present itself as a cogent alternative government, political sources say.

For the Social Democrats, 1982 is the year when they must hold the center, produce distinct policies not identifiable as recycled Labor or Conservative strategy, and choose a leader from the so-called gang-of-four who founded the party in March. All four — Roy Jenkins, David Owen, William Rodgers and Shirley Williams — held cabinet posts in Labor governments.

The Liberals long overshadowed by the Conservative and Labor Parties must hold their alliance together with the Social Democrats to have any chance of one day sharing power. Youth Liberal leader David Steel has already spoken publicly of differences over the choice of election candidates. "Both sides must avoid arrogance and bluster," he said in a New Year message.

Both Labor and the Conservatives will be quick to seize on any hint of differences in the alliance to keep it from converting its present popularity into political power. (R)

Letter to the editor

"Good Morning" column

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I am a regular reader of *Arab News*, whenever I do not find the "Good Morning" column I feel that I am missing something. The person who writes it has his own style of expressing himself about any topic he chooses in a very interesting way. It is both lively and humorous. Besides the sense of humor, he has a literary taste also. Surely he deserves to be congratulated.

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American actions and Arab decisions

By Michael Adams

President Reagan's decision to institute economic sanctions against the Soviet Union lends additional interest to the debate which opened on Jan. 5 in the U.N. Security Council.

The meeting has been called to decide what the Security Council should do if Israel has not by then canceled its effective annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights. And since it is a foregone conclusion that Menahem Begin's government will not go back on the decision it forced through the Israeli parliament on Dec. 13, the Council will have to do something. At its earlier emergency meeting, the members of the Security Council were unanimous in condemning the annexation and they gave Israel until Jan. 5 to rescind it. Failing that, the unanimous resolution said that the Council would reconvene to decide what action to take — the clear implication being that it would consider the imposition of sanctions against Israel.

The United States, to the surprise of many people, voted for that resolution. Indeed, the American ambassador to the U.N. took part in the drafting of the resolution, along with the Syrian ambassador, so that there could be no misapprehension about the American attitude. And this accounted for the unprecedentedly violent reaction of Begin, who attacked the United States and the president personally in such insulting terms that several members of the opposition in Israel took him to task in the press for endangering Israel's relationship with its vital ally and protector.

But the interesting question that remains is this: Will the United States follow up its condemnation of the Israeli move by agreeing to some form of sanctions or will it, as it has done before, back down in the face of pressure from the pro-Israeli lobby? There is little doubt that a resolution calling for sanctions will be introduced or that, if it is introduced, a majority of the members of the Security Council will support it. But each of the five permanent members has the power of veto, which means that the United States, if it wishes to, can prevent any effective action against Israel.

All the evidence from the past suggests that the United States will veto any call for sanctions, how-

ever inconsistent and even humiliating it may be for the Americans to behave in this way. And if the United States does veto the resolution, and so allow Israel to escape the consequences of what everyone agrees to be a breach of international law, its attitude will appear all the more inconsistent in the light of President Reagan's decision last week (Dec. 29) to impose sanctions on the Soviet Union.

In explaining that decision, Reagan said that the Soviet Union bore "a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in Poland". He said he had written to President Brezhnev "urging him to permit the restoration of basic human rights in Poland". But, he went on, "The repression in Poland continues, and President Brezhnev has responded in a manner which makes it clear that the Soviet Union does not understand the seriousness of our concern, and its obligations under both the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of the United Nations."

Consequently, said the American president, "I have decided to take the following measures with regard to the Soviet Union" (here followed a list of the sanctions imposed); and he said that he would "watch events in Poland closely in coming days and weeks. Further steps may be necessary and I will be prepared to take them. American decisions will be determined by Soviet actions."

Most people would agree with Reagan in denouncing the repression in Poland, although it does not look as though even the closest allies of the United States agree with him in thinking that the proper response is to impose sanctions on the Soviet Union. But a point which ought to be of considerable interest to any Arab government, especially on the eve of the Security Council debate on Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, is this. The repression which the Poles are suffering is by no means as harsh as the repression which the Arabs in the territories occupied by Israel have been suffering for the last 11 years. Moreover, whatever responsibility the Soviet Union may bear for what is happening in Poland, the repression there is being carried out by a Polish government; whereas in the occupied territories it is an alien army of occupation which is persecuting the Arabs and annexing their land. And finally, the Begin government, which is directly responsible for the repression of the Palestinians.

"The United States bears a heavy and direct responsibility for the repression in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. We have many times urged you to use your influence with the Israeli government to put a stop to this repression. We have warned you that, if the repression continues, we shall have no choice but to consider political and economic measures which would drastically affect the relationship between us."

"But the repression in the occupied territories continues and your response to our warnings makes it clear that the United States does not understand the seriousness of our concern, or its own obligations under the UN's Resolution 242, the Geneva Conventions and the Charter of the United Nations."

"We have therefore decided to take immediately certain measures with regard to the United States and we shall watch events in Palestine closely in coming days and weeks. Further steps may be necessary and we shall be prepared to take them. Our decisions will be determined by American actions."

What the measures should be would be a matter for consultation among the Arab governments. What seems to be certain is that until the Arabs approach the United States in these terms, no American government will take any action to put a stop to Israel's repression of the Palestinians or to its expansionist policy at the expense of the Arabs.

Both the ministry of defense and home affairs signed an agreement in August 1980 with UNHCR for emergency assistance in the form of clothing, medicine and basic household needs. The UNHCR allocated \$72,000 which was disbursed by the ministry. This emergency program is now under review and a new agreement is expected to be signed early this year.

There are also some families in the Corozal, Orange Walk and Toledo districts. "But there can be no more than 3,000 refugees here and some of them have already been assimilated into Belizean society," said a ministry official.

It was in early 1980 that Belize began to see the first influx of refugees from Central America. They came almost exclusively from El Salvador. While immigration statistics indicate that more than 6,000 came here initially, most of these were in transit, and have returned to their homes or moved on to other countries — Mexico, Honduras and the United States.

To assist those who have stayed here, the government through the ministry of defense and home affairs signed an agreement in August 1980 with UNHCR for emergency assistance in the form of clothing, medicine and basic household needs. The UNHCR allocated \$72,000 which was disbursed by the ministry. This emergency program is now under review and a new agreement is expected to be signed early this year.

Both the ministry of defense and home affairs and the UNHCR said they are anxious that the emergency assistance should take on a new perspective — that the refugees should be assisted with tools to help apply skills acquired here or which they practiced in their homeland. The original assistance program offered help for those who were unable to find jobs due to the lack of skills, widows with families who have lost their husbands in the war in El Salvador and for incapacitated people.

The government is attempting to frame its refugee policy in relation to the international situation and the plight of the millions of refugees from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Immigrant groups, minorities affected

Ethnic stereotyping is dehumanizing; especially in depicting U.S. blacks

By Patrick Brasley

NEW YORK (LAT) — Many immigrant groups and minorities have suffered from ethnic stereotyping by American society, but the stereotyping of blacks has been by far the most dehumanizing, according to Marguerite Ross Barnett, a professor of political science at Columbia University.

To substantiate her view of black stereotyping, Barnett points to the toys, drawings, household utensils and other memorabilia depicting blacks that she has

collected over 17 years. Her collection includes Mammy dolls, toys, lawn ornaments, advertisements, postcards and household items.

The stereotypes really represent an effort by American whites to maintain political power during the segregation era, Barnett said.

Items in her collection cover the period from the end of the Civil War up to the 1940s. They include a dartboard game with a black-faced target, a bank labeled with a racial epithet, statuettes of black Mammy's, Uncle

Lucrative stereotype

Frenchmen's image with loaf of bread pays off

PARIS — Although France now counts as the world's third or fourth leading exporting country and stands among the great industrial powers, many Frenchmen and foreigners still insist on seeing it in terms of an outdated stereotype: That of a little man with a beret firmly clamped on his head and a loaf of French bread under his arm.

Ironically, the long loaf of French bread which so many people see as a national symbol has now travelled beyond France's borders, to contribute its part to France's export drive. Behind the move is a firm called the Grands Moulins de Paris, the country's leading flour-milling concern

(with an annual turnover of 2.6 billion francs) which alone accounts for nearly 40 percent of all French flour exports.

In 1977, the Grands Moulins de Paris opened a chain of 17 restaurant-bakeries in the United States under the name *Vie de France*. Built to serve 600 people a day, the establishments house a restaurant, bakery and catering concern. The bakery operates along both traditional and highly modern lines: The dough is imported by air and the bread cooked in the establishment's ovens.

The formula has met such a wide success in the United States that the French loaf has now set its sights on northern Europe.



FRENCH BREAD: Traditionally, the French still prepare their bread the old fashioned way, baked in a wood-fired oven.

Taal volcano is notorious as lowest and most active

MANILA — It is as strange as it is violent. A lake within a lake, and a volcano within a volcano, Taal, a few hours drive from Manila, is a beautiful and fearsome place. From atop the breathtaking Tagaytay ridge overlooking the lake, in 1970, at dusk, eagles flew over red lava spewed from Taal Volcano dark red against the gathering dark. Taal volcano has been against one of its tantrums.

Known to be the lowest and one of the most active volcanoes in the world, Taal had 36 major eruptions — when island residents have to flee — since 1572, the earliest known record of its eruption. There must have been countless eruptions before and many more since then, like in the mid-'70s when residents hardly took notice. Most of the eruptions took place in the main crater, now a serene blue-green lake.

That is what gives this place the reputation of having a lake within a lake. The small crater lake on the island that is in the middle

Waste system keeps material under control

LONDON — A method to make buried radioactive and hazardous wastes safe, has been developed by researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy.

In-situ vitrification involves melting the radioactive waste, which is typically buried in shallow land-fill disposal sites. Together with the surrounding soil and rock the process forms a durable glass or crystalline product.

The solidifying technique isolates the dangerous waste material from the public and keeps radioactive and other highly toxic material from spreading through natural erosion.

Researchers at the Pacific Northwest Laboratory in Richland, Washington, have conducted tests in which an electric current is passed between electrodes placed in the soil around the wastes. The heat generated by the electric current melts the waste and surrounding soil.

If full scale tests are successful, the researchers expect the technique to work with a wide variety of waste materials and other contaminants that might be in radioactive waste site soil, such as paper, wood, plastic.

of a bigger lake. The bigger lake itself is said to be the crater of a bigger volcano, that Tagaytay ridge in fact is the rim of a now extinct volcano. Thus, the reputation of a volcano (a smaller one on the island) within a volcano (the bigger, now extinct one).

In 1965, eruption occurred for the first time since 1749 on the island's flank, opening a crater one-and-a-half kilometers long and one-third of a kilometer wide. The 1965 eruption spewed a staggering 70 million cubic meters of earth, adding 60 square kilometers to the island. Taal can be that violent, and residents were forced to flee.

The island has since become a national park. In between minor eruptions life is normal. The volcano is a favorite destination for weekend hikers, and the 10 villages on the island quietly continue fishing and farming.

The Commission on Volcanology has a station at Pira-piraso Point. Volcanologists take Taal's temper seriously, a three-man team stationed on the island permanently. At the active crater temperature readings are taken from six permanent probe holes on the ground, measuring any tilting in the land mass, and doing a visual observation of the crater. A seismograph (which "reads" ground movement) is permanently stationed on the island and another on the mainland. A portable seismograph is also brought to the crater area on occasions.

Villagers have their own way of telling when Taal will erupt again. Small earthquakes, for instance. They always precede eruptions. The lake water gets warmer. It gets so hot before major eruptions that dead fish and shrimps float on the lake surface. Animals abandon their sanctuaries in the hills and birds fly to the mainland.

Such warnings were seen just before the 1965 eruption and on January 29, 1911. In 1911, the volcano rained mud, searing vegetation and blurring Binintiang Munti, one of the island's craters. When the earthquakes intensified, the tremors were deafening to the ears. Villagers fled the island, their boats crashing in the choppy lake, just in time to escape the unleashed fury of red hot lava flows and the suffocating ash rain that followed.

And every time the small volcano gives its final burp, when volcanologists say the temper has been soothed, villagers return. Even when the government tried to relocate them on the mainland, they always managed to go back.

Rastuses and grinning pickaninnies on chamberpots or with watermelons, and a bowling set with pins that are replicas of blacks. Although most pieces are from the late 19th Century, one toy, a wind-up rustic black male figure in garish costume who shuffles on a platform, appeared in the Sears Roebuck Catalog as late as the 1920s, Barnett said.

Barnett argues that by ridiculing blacks, exaggerating their facial features and denying their humanity, the popular art of the post-Civil War period represented the political culture's attempt to deny blacks the equal status and rights awarded them in the emancipation proclamation.

"If the popular literature of the time — cartoons, advertisements, posters — accepted blacks as serious figures with equal rights, it would have been difficult for the white establishment to continue their economic and political exploitation," Barnett said.

By making blacks inhuman, American whites could destroy their claim to equal treatment," she said. "Blacks as slaves were no problem because they were under complete domination, but blacks as free men posed political problems. The popular culture of the day supplied the answer by dehumanizing blacks and picturing them as childlike and inferior."

Barnett concedes that similar stereotyping and attacks on other cultures existed during the same period. The Irish, Germans and Poles were ridiculed in newspapers and magazines. But she maintains that such stereotypes were no problem.

Other minorities generally were stereotyped for one or two alleged characteristics, she said. Thus, the Irish were depicted as drunks or criminals, Germans were painted as vulgar beer-drinkers. Poles were stupid, Italians were shiftless."

Nor was the depiction of other minorities as dehumanizing as those of blacks, she said. Only blacks, she said, were on toy pencils being consumed by alligator-like pencil sharpeners, or made the targets of shooting and dart games or drawn on the bottoms of ashtrays to receive ground-out cigars.

Barnett concedes that many of the depictions of blacks in the collection were amiable: Happy children, grinning Mammy's, sly uncles. "But you notice it is the young and the old who are generally depicted as affable. The women are older domestics with aprons and head rags, the men gray, aging, subservient uncles, the children small and mischievous. There are no adult middle-age men and women who might pose a threat." She said whites may have felt a love-hate relationship in their attitude toward blacks. "If someone is familiar and non-threatening, you can afford a fondness."

India fights pollution, contamination, water quality controversy is constant

NEW DELHI (AFP) — There is hardly a single river in India which is not badly contaminated. The waters of many are unsafe for drinking, bathing or irrigation, and the Ganges River is among the worst.

The state-run Central Board of Prevention and Control of Water Pollution has confirmed in a preliminary report on a study that in certain areas of Uttar Pradesh state the Ganges was suitable only for navigation.

But pollution is not limited to water alone. The air is as seriously polluted in a number of towns and cities, particularly in the four industrial capitals of New Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras.

Over 60 percent of the country's 680 million people are estimated to be exposed to a significant level of pollution.

An official study in Calcutta revealed that over 50 percent of the people in India's most populous city (eight million people) were suffering from respiratory diseases.

Although no such assessment has been made public for Delhi, the air in the capital is considered the worst of all.

Experts say the dust level here is the highest in the world.

The state-run National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) estimated that motor vehicles were blasting out 30 tons of hydrocarbons, 240 tons of carbon monoxide, two tons of sulphur dioxide

and about 20 tons of nitrogen oxide every day. In addition, three thermal power plants dumped 50 tons of fly ash and 70 tons of sulphur dioxide into the air.

In Calcutta, over 250 tons of dust particles and over 75 tons of sulphur and nitrogen oxides descend over the city daily.

Industry is the worst offender, emitting gaseous substances in the air or discharging chemical wastes into the rivers, mostly without proper treatment.

Many cremation grounds are located on river banks, adding to the problem. According to one survey, each year 39,000 half-burned bodies and carcasses are thrown into the Ganges from the Hindu city of Varanasi (Benares) alone.

High levels of mercury have been detected in rivers in such far-flung states as Kerala in the extreme south, Orissa in the northeast, Maharashtra in the west and Rajasthan in the northwest. This has accumulated mainly from industrial waste. The poisonous liquid metal has also found its way into food items like fish, vegetables and milk.

There have been reports of fish floating dead in rivers. Studies show aquatic life in the Ganges has been almost totally destroyed for five to six kms (two to three miles) near the leather industry town of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh, and near Bihar

state's Mankameh-Barauni industrial areas. Similar conditions were noted in the Hoogly in West Bengal, the Rushikulya in Orissa and the Chaliyar in Kerala.

About 800 fishermen in Ganjam, Southern Orissa, have all migrated elsewhere because of the total extinction of fish in the Rushikulya.

Polluted Rushikulya irrigation waters have also devastated at least 20 acres (over five hectares) of once fertile cropland in the Orissa state town of Binchanapalli, according to local farmers.

The quality of the water supply in cities and towns has become a matter of acute concern. It is compounded by lack of facilities, inefficient management and breakdowns in the distribution systems.

In New Delhi the quality of the water supply has been a subject of constant controversy. Out of over 250 million gallons of daily water supply from the Yamuna River, 200 million gallons return as waste to the disposal drains carrying along 300,000 cubic meters of sewage and 20,000 cubic meters of industrial waste.

Unofficial experts say only 117 million gallons of this waste water are channelled through treatment facilities, while the remaining 83 million gallons flow back into the Yamuna.

In Madras, about 50 percent of the water supply is admitted to be still contaminated despite persistent efforts to remedy the situation.

Noise pollution has also grown almost as serious in Bombay, New Delhi and Calcutta. Street noise in these three cities is found to be excessively high both day and night.

Bombay is the noisiest, with nearly 30 percent of its population (over eight million) found to be badly affected.

Natural scenery and the country's heritage are also being systematically damaged.

The felling of trees by local people, leading to silting in streams, and an ever-growing tourist flow have all endangered the 2,500 km (1,600 mile) Himalayan ecological environment.

Even the future of Agra's Taj Mahal has become uncertain. Despite official denials, many fear the over 400-year-old white marble tomb, built by a Moghul King for his wife, may be tarnished by the emissions of an oil refinery now nearing completion in nearby Mathura.

The government has enacted a series of laws to tackle the growing threat to the environment. The first was the 1974 Prevention of Water Pollution Act; the latest came in February when parliament passed an air pollution act.

But measures taken so far have clearly made little impact on such a vast country.

High-quality flour produced

'Pea-wheat' crossbreed crop was developed in China

By Xie Hua

BÉIJING — Producing a crop that is a crossbreed of pea and wheat sounds as strange as crossing apples and oranges, but two scientists in China have proven at least the former hybrid is possible.

In fact, the so-called pea-wheat No. 1 has been introduced to 25 of China's 29 provinces, towns and autonomous regions. According to preliminary reports, it is now

being sown in about 2,000 hectares of land. The crop is still in its experimental stages, however, and there is no plan to export pea-wheat at this time.

Zhang Siwen, a 43-year-old engineer in the Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Jiangxi province, and his wife, Li Zhongxian, 39, an agricultural technician, successfully grew "pea-wheat" while they worked from 1970-79 at the northwest plateau organism

institute under the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Qinghai province. This new crop has higher yields and protein content than two popular wheat varieties grown in Qinghai — Abbondanza and Qingchun No. 5.

Zhang explained why pea and wheat could be crossbred successfully. "The basic number of chromosomes, the genetic substance in pea and wheat, is identical, and the order of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the main genetic substance in chromosomes, is also the same. This provides a base for hybridization

of these two crops."

To breed a new variety of wheat for a region with a higher summer temperature of 27.6, they tried to hybridize more than 5,000 different kinds of spring wheat, with no success. In 1971, the couple crossed spring wheat with pea to give the resulting variety the desirable qualities of early maturation, heavy grain and high protein content.

Out of the 2,000 hybrids produced, only one — the male parent of which was pea and the female parent, wheat — produced seeds. These three seeds were then sown in the greenhouse in November of that same year. One of the seeds grew and produced a stalk with an ear at the top and two ears on its tillers from the nodes. This plant produced 100 seeds.

After about nine generations of hybrids, ear production and plumpness of the crop normalized.

Pea-wheat No. 1 contains 16.33 percent protein, a figure which is 4.17 percent and 1.77 percent higher than its parents of wheat and pea, respectively. This new crop also compares favorably with Abbondanza and Qingchun No. 5.

Pea-wheat needs less than 108 days to grow while Abbondanza and Qingchun need 131 days and 123 days, respectively. Abbondanza contains 11.2 percent protein and Qingchun has 13.4 percent of this nutrient. As for lysine, pea-wheat contains 0.73 percent of this protein building block. Abbondanza has 0.37 percent and Qingchun contains 0.39 percent.

Output in tons per hectare for pea-wheat is about 4.6 and for Qingchun is about 2.3 (Abondanza wasn't grown there due to the cold). These comparisons are based on tests at Xinje farm, located 3,200 meters above sea level in the southern part of Qinghai. Thus, they do not necessarily reflect amounts found for these crops when grown in other parts of the province.

Pea-wheat No. 1 is also suitable for crop rotation when sown in other areas.

When grown on the Qinghai-Tibet highland, pea-wheat's growing period actually ranges from 98 to 108 days, which is 15 to 23 days shorter than spring wheat. Though the official growing period in the area is 50 to 90 days per year, pea-wheat can still grow well because it is resistant to low temperatures, according to Zhang.

He explained that in Qinghai, this crop is sown at the end of March and harvested at the end of August. Frost appears for the first time in late August and for the last time late in the following May. But pea-wheat seedlings are resistant to temperatures as low as 12.5 degrees Celsius and continue to grow when frost appears in April and May.

While the pea-wheat looks promising, experts were not sure about the taste and quality.

According to the factory, the quality of bread made with pea-wheat flour is higher than those made with Abbondanza and winter wheat flour, under the same processing conditions. A bread of pea-wheat flour is twice as big as that made of Abbondanza flour, and is one-third larger than that made of winter wheat flour.



NEW ARRIVAL: A black rhinoceros was born in the West Berlin Zoo Dec. 23. Here mother Kitani watches the baby carefully after they went on public display Jan. 1.

Police, Iglesias family split

Interpol issues alert for Spain abductors

MADRID, Jan. 5 (AP) — The Paris-based International Police Organization (Interpol) Tuesday issued a worldwide red alert for the suspected kidnappers of Julio Iglesias, father of the Spanish singer of the same name.

The internationalization of the police hunt was the first major step in the week-long mystery surrounding the crime. Interpol has sent full details of the kidnapping together with a photograph of the 66-year-old victim and composite sketches of two ringleaders, described as in their early thirties and speaking Spanish with a Latin American accent.

Tension has been growing hourly with signs of a widening split between the police and the Iglesias family, which has publicly announced its agreement to pay reportedly a record ransom demand of 1,000 million pesetas (about \$10 million).

For the Spanish police have always been violently opposed to the payment of any ransom demands, on the grounds that doing so will fuel the appetite of other kidnappers.

Sign of a split were noticeable as soon as the family Monday made a public appeal to the kidnappers to contact singer Julio Iglesias at his luxury home in Miami, Florida, or his brother, Carlos in Madrid.

The appeal said that the victim was in poor health, and pleaded with the kidnappers to

For high ransom

Bilbao tycoon kidnapped

BILBAO, Spain, Jan. 5 (AP) — Josef Lipperheide Heinkel, 75, a German-born Bilbao industrialist, was kidnapped from his home here Tuesday and his family said the kidnappers were commandos of ETA, the Basque separatist organization.

The family said the abductors, on leaving Lipperheide's home, said they would seek "a high ransom." Lipperheide was born at Neheim, West Germany. He came to Spain after Germany's World War II defeat. He settled down in Bilbao, where he heads a number of firms.

Union sources said some of Lipperheide's firms had been involved in labor conflicts

Over EEC communique

Greek deputy minister fired

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 5 (AP) — Deputy Foreign Minister Assimakis Fotilas was dismissed Tuesday for allegedly failing to carry out Premier Andreas Papandreou's instructions at the European Economic Community meeting on the Polish question.

An official announcement disclosing Fotilas' dismissal did not specify what instructions he failed to obey. A government spokesman declined to make a clarifying statement on what Premier Papandreou's instructions were to the 50-year-old official, one of three deputy foreign ministers.

The semi-official Athens News Agency (ANA) claimed that Fotilas was dismissed for

BRIEFS

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (AP) — More than 240 railmen arrested Monday for illegally striking spent the night in several Zimbabwe police cells, the Information Department reported Tuesday. The strike by more than 430 locomotive firemen entered its sixth day with passenger services still paralyzed and the flow of domestic freight and external trade cut back. The railmen are demanding higher wages. Home Affairs Minister Richard Hove, who is in charge of police, announced Monday that at least 243 strikers had been arrested under the Law and Order Maintenance Act for disrupting essential services. Those arrested appeared in courts in several centers Tuesday. They can be jailed for five years each if convicted.

PEKING, (AP) — A total of 304 couples were united at the New Year in one of the biggest collective wedding ceremonies ever held in China, the English-language *China Daily* reported Tuesday. Immediately after the ceremony, which took place in Hefei, the capital of the Anhui province, the couples signed an appeal inviting young Chinese to break away from the extravagant or feudal customs, especially where marriage is concerned. Collective weddings are encouraged in China as a means to combat the wasteful and showy ceremonies generally organized in China.

contact the family at the earliest possible moment. The two brothers maintain regular contact with a telephone call every 30 minutes over a special line whose number is known to only three other persons.

At the outset, the police told Carlos Iglesias to refuse to speak to newsmen and maintain total silence, but Monday he contacted some reporters to stress the family's growing concern. He went further in an interview with Radio Luxembourg when he said that the family was prepared to pay the enormous ransom even though the police were opposed.

He told AFP Tuesday that there were no police at his father's flat where he is staying glued to the telephone for a call from the kidnappers. Madrid is a city swirling with rumors, and a family lawyer had to issue a denial of one of the more objectionable he explained that the kidnapping was not just a publicity gag.

Iglesias was kidnapped last Tuesday when two men claiming to work for a West German television network called for him at the maternity clinic where he works and went off with him. He has not been seen or heard from since. Meanwhile, a television team has started making a film about the "Iglesias affair" intended for worldwide viewing.

lately. Servants at the industrialist's home said he was kidnapped by eight persons, some of whom broke into the house after the door was cleared to Lipperheide's chauffeur, whom they had kidnapped earlier in the day.

The chauffeur told police two men kidnapped him from his place and forced him to accompany them to Lipperheide's home. He said when the door was cleared to him, the commandos stormed into the house.

The servants said the kidnappers went straight to Lipperheide's bedroom and took him away in a waiting car. Lipperheide is a widower and the father of three daughters and a son, all married.

Union sources said some of Lipperheide's firms had been involved in labor conflicts

accepting the wording of the communique approved by the 10 EEC ministers in Brussels on Monday.

In the communique, the EEC representatives warned Soviet bloc nations not to interfere in Poland and added the situation was affected by "serious external pressure."

Papandreou has so far refrained from condemning the military clampdown in Poland in mid-December. He has said his Socialist government's views on the situation would be disclosed in parliament during a debate requested by the major political opposition and expected to begin next week.

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Blasts wreck buildings, market in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Jan. 5 (AP) — A dozen bombs exploded rocked the capital and surrounding communities Monday evening, destroying a supermarket, the homes of two Supreme Court justices and other buildings, a police spokesman said. One person was reported injured.

Two explosions wrecked a state-run low-cost housing credit agency and a Volkswagen dealership 30 yards from the U.S. Embassy, but an embassy source said the blasts caused no damage to the embassy building.

Heavy police guards quickly surrounded the embassy and the homes of Justices Jose Jaime Garcia and Rafael Sanchez Rodriguez, preventing reporters from getting near.

A third explosion knocked out a high-tension power line, plunging the suburban residential town of Santa Tecla into darkness. Another explosion destroyed a supermarket in a shopping center near the Camino Real Hotel, where most foreign journalists stay in San Salvador, seriously injuring a man, the police spokesman said.

The spokesman, who asked anonymity for security reasons, blamed the explosions on leftist guerrillas, who have been fighting for power here during the past 27 months. Human rights groups estimate more than 35,000 persons have been killed in the fighting.

The first explosion was heard at about 7:30 p.m. local time (0130 GMT) and the others followed at intervals of two to three minutes.

The firing of rifles and automatic weapons could be heard.

America to form Caribbean force

NORFOLK, Virginia Jan. 5 (AP) — The U.S. Navy's 2nd Fleet has begun using AWACS, the Air Force's large radar warning plane, to provide greater protection for warships in its Atlantic Ocean operating areas, the fleet commander says.

Vice Adm. James A. Lyons Jr., commander of the Norfolk-based 2nd Fleet, also predicted in a weekend interview that the Navy will increase its presence in the Caribbean, sending two aircraft carriers there from time to time. Lyons did not rule out a permanent Caribbean force, which the Navy has not had in a decade.

The 2nd fleet has about 65 ships and would fight wartime battles in the Atlantic. The airborne warning and control system planes provided naval support in a fall exercise in the north Atlantic and again in a Caribbean exercise that ended in December, Lyons said.

The AWACS, with its sensitive, far-reaching radar, can detect potential enemies at great distances, allowing carriers to send planes up sooner and intercept the enemy "well beyond the range that they'll be able to launch their weapons against us," Lyons said.

The Navy has a radar plane of its own, the carrier-based E-2C Hawkeye, but the AWACS can fly farther and remain on patrol longer.

France recovers stolen weapons

TOULOUSE, France, Jan. 5 (R) — Police have recovered all the weapons stolen by gangsters from a French military arms depot near Toulouse last November, justice officials said Tuesday.

The robbery created a political scandal over security at military establishments and right-wing political extremists were earlier suspected of having carried out the raid. The 115 submachine guns and four heavy machine guns were found Monday hurried in a field some 50 kms from Foix barracks where they were stolen, the officials said.

A group of about 15 raiders, masked and heavily armed, infiltrated the arms depot on Nov. 21 after overpowering two sentries. They made their getaway in a stolen army truck.

Several known gangsters had been arrested in connection with the raid, including a former conscript at Foix Camp, officials said. The recovery of the stolen arms followed the arrest of two men involved in a holdup who admitted having taken part in the armory raid.

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To curtail reliance on oil

Japan launches first unit to use Com Fuel

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (AP) — Resource-poor Japan, which imports 99.8 percent of its oil needs, has launched the world's first project to use "Com Fuel"—a coal-oil mixture—at oil-burning power stations starting in 1984.

Yukio Ogawa, a spokesman for the semi-governmental Electric Power Development Co. (EPDC), said the pioneering commercial application of Com Fuel is part of an effort to drastically reduce reliance on oil, which now provides 75 percent of the country's energy. It follows several decades of research and experiments in the United States, Canada and other industrial nations.

According to Ogawa, one ton of Com Fuel will contain roughly a half-ton of oil and another half-ton of pulverized coal. Each coal particle will be smaller than 0.1 millimeter in diameter. He said a ton of Com Fuel can generate 3,953 kilowatts per hour, compared to coal's 3,038 kilowatts and 4,790 kilowatts for oil. Test burning of the fuel began early last year at EPDC's Takebara power station in western Japan. Ogawa said it has been so successful that the Tokyo Power Co., the biggest of Japan's 14 power companies, decided to build a plant later this year capable of producing 900,000 tons of Com Fuel by 1984 and 5 million tons per year in 1988.

"The main secret of our Com Fuel is a special additive made from Naphtha. About 0.1 percent of the additive keeps the pulverized coal mixed with oil and proper intensity for about a month without the heavier coal particles sinking," Ogawa said. Japan now consumes 7.7 million barrels of oil per year at 71 thermal power plants. The use of Com Fuel by all the plants would cut oil consumption an estimated 3.1 million barrels a year.

The plants, however, can expect only a "marginal" cut in costs, Ogawa said. He said a ton of Com will be supplied at an estimated cost of 45,200 yen (\$198.20) a ton.

Users will have to remodel oil-burning furnaces as well, although Ogawa said this will cost less than converting plants to coal-only operation. "It is feasible that Com can substitute for oil until Japanese power companies can totally depend on nuclear fuel and other energy sources such as geothermal, sea wave, ocean temperature and solar energy," Ogawa added.

Unemployment has become a major social problem. High economic growth previously helped provide jobs for the booming population, but in 1981 the economy grew hardly at all, its worst performance since

the Japanese government plans to spend \$12.7 billion in the next decade for research and development of other energy sources, including coal liquefaction and gasification.

Government sources said the discussions tackled the world economic and oil situation and the possibility of investing Kuwaiti capital in Australia. Carrick arrived late Monday night for a three-day official visit as part of a Gulf tour.

Canada's oil output falls 17%

EDMONTON, Canada, Jan. 5 (AP) — Canadian oil production, mainly from Alberta, dropped 17 percent near the end of 1981. National Energy Board figures show, Board statistics, based on refinery receipts for November, show a drop in oil production of 266,000 barrels a day from November.

The slump exceeded declines earlier in 1981. The drop in average daily production for the first 11 months was 177,000 barrels or 12 percent. Government officials and oil

industry spokesmen have attributed part of the slackened demand to refiners' greater reliance on imported crude oil. Many refineries signed long-term supply contracts to avoid shortages in the event of continued Alberta cuts.

But energy board figures indicate the refineries took in relatively little extra imported crude. For the first 11 months, the average daily imports were up 25,000 barrels, or 5.8 percent, from the same period in 1980.

The order banned outsiders from taking spilled oil away from oil fields, it added. The order also restricted operations of small-scale refineries and told them to improve their technique, management and product quality, Xinhua reported.

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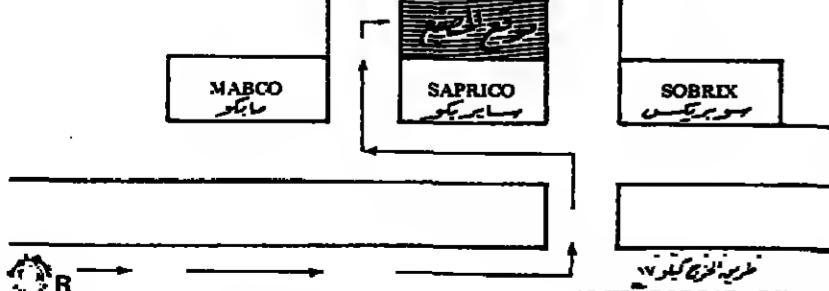
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Brazil's tight economic policy to stay

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 5 (R) — Brazil's military-led government is likely to maintain the country's tight economic policies in 1982 after drawing up new voting rules expected to ensure success for its supporters in November elections.

Some economists had expected the military, which has ruled the world's most indebted nation since 1964, to relax monetary and fiscal policies to boost employment and help the pro-government Social Democratic Party (PDS) at the polls. But vote-catching measures are no longer expected after President Joao Figueiredo announced a package of electoral rules in November which most commentators believe will virtually guarantee victory for the PDS.

The following month the National Monetary Council, the nation's top economic policy-making body, decided that the basic outlines of economic policy would remain unchanged in 1982. The council set the same limits for expansion of money and credit for 1982 as for last year.

Economists say this will do little to help the millions of unemployed Brazilians, though inflation should fall and the balance of payments improve as a result of import restrictions.

Unemployment has become a major social problem. High economic growth previously helped provide jobs for the booming population, but in 1981 the economy grew hardly at all, its worst performance since

World War II, and per capita income fell. With the elections only a year away, PDS members became uneasy that the unpopularity of the government's economic policy would hurt them at the polls.

Public opinion surveys predicted victory for the opposition and PDS officials began calling for deflation and job-creation measures. But the so-called November package, drawn up by Gen. Figueiredo, the fifth military president since 1964, changed the picture completely.

The new rules ban coalitions and stipulate that a party can enter the elections in areas only where it has candidates for all the different posts — for both houses of congress, state governors and assemblies and municipal officials.

Commentators agree the rules clearly favor the PDS, the only reasonably well-organized and well-funded party in Brazil. The fragmented opposition immediately denounced the package and its two largest parties announced in December they were merging to counter the measure.

Gen. Figueiredo extended Congress into the summer recess to debate the new rules but the opposition deputies and senators refused to cooperate. The PDS rejected all 171 proposed amendments in committee and is not putting the bill to the vote of the full houses to avoid possible upsets. As presidential hills automatically become law after 40 days unless voted out, the package

should become law Jan. 10.

With a PDS victory virtually assured, economists said Planning Minister and Economic Chief Antonio Difesa Neto had a free hand to deal with inflation and the country's \$61 billion foreign debt.

The National Monetary Council fixed a 50 percent limit for the growth of the monetary base and the money supply, the same as in 1981. In effect, this gives slightly more leeway to the economy as inflation is expected to decline to about 80 percent from last year's 95 percent rate.

The government expects the economy to grow by four or five percent this year, well up on 1981's near zero rate, but below the levels of boom years of the past two decades. Economist Reinaldo Goncalves believes however, that repayment of foreign debts is likely to be the main factor influencing domestic economic policy for several years.

Goncalves told Reuters the government has heavily geared internal economic policy to the needs of the external sector, particularly the necessity of building a strong trade surplus and attracting foreign loans. Officials say exports will continue to be a priority and the government hopes its tight monetary and fiscal policies will boost the trade surplus to \$2 billion in 1982 from \$1.2 billion last year.

The Central Bank says it hopes exports will total \$28 billion, compared with \$23.5 billion last year.

Meanwhile, the authorities are busy trying to diversify the economy to reduce its dependence on tourism. The government has brought in Spanish and West German specialists to help develop the fishing industry. The United States is providing \$1.5 million over 1981-82 to help develop hardy strains of fruits and vegetables to reduce the import of imported food.

The American oil giant AMOCO has explored for oil and natural gas in Seychelles' waters. But the full results are not yet in.

The islands' products are copra, frozen fish, guano and cinnamon bark. But as money-makers, none can approach tourism, which in 1980 brought in gross receipts of around \$61 million, according to the Chamber of Commerce.

Though professing nonaligned socialism, Seychelles has been careful not to discourage tourism and foreign investment. There are no foreign exchange controls and dividend and interest income are tax-free. One local businessman described the corporate tax rate of 35 percent as "fairly reasonable."

"Tourism is our major industry and it will remain our major industry for quite a long time," Guy Morel, principal secretary in the finance ministry, said in an interview.

Unemployment in France shows increase

PARIS, Jan. 5 (R) — Unemployment soared in France during 1981, a year in which a Socialist government came to power with creation of jobs as its top priority, according to figures published here.

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This means that about eight percent of the workforce were without jobs in spite of government policy of expanding the economy through higher public spending and borrowing.

Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said in September that government's prime objective was "to put the whole of France back at work."

Mexico cuts price of heavy crude

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5 (AP) — Mexico reduced the price of its heavy crude oil by \$2 a barrel effective Jan. 1 "because of unfavorable market conditions prevailing for this type of oil," a spokesman for the state petroleum monopoly Pemex announced Monday.

Pemex spokesman Miguel Tomassini said in a telephone interview the type of crude, used in making heating oil and lubricants, was lowered to \$26.50 a barrel, but the lighter-type Isthmus, for which there is still worldwide demand, will remain at \$35 a barrel.

Mexico, which is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but follows OPEC pricing guidelines, has not modified its prices since Nov. 1. The country is the world's fourth largest in oil reserves after the Soviet Union, Saudi Arabia and the United States, and exports an average of 1.3 million barrels a day out of a total production of 2.7 million barrels.

Indonesia facing marketing problem

JAKARTA, Jan. 5 (AP) — Indonesia will have to find new openings for its oil exports in 1982 because its current foreign markets are closing up more and more as a result of the world economic recession, former Economy Minister Rachmat Muljomido said Monday.

Muljomido, who is also a member of the parliamentary mines and energy commission, said the oil importing countries were turning to oil-producing countries closer to them because of transport costs.

He said Indonesian oil prices had to be readjusted to become more competitive.

The first presidential decree this year, ordering an average 65 percent increase in fuel prices from Monday, ay, is an unpopular measure, but fits in with the recent call from Finance Minister Ali Wardhana for "belt-tightening" from this year on.

Government officials here said the two islands' chances of getting OPEC or West German aid had improved since they became independent of Britain Nov. 1. OPEC and

Sierra Leone using glitter of diamonds to lure tourists

FREETOWN, Jan. 5 (AFP) — Sierra Leone is using diamonds as a glittering lure to hook the tourist.

This compact West Coast Republic, the seventh smallest African state, is the world's fifth biggest producer of diamonds. Diamonds now represent 60 percent of the country's gross national product. At Sefadu, in the inland eastern province, curvature of the spine is reputedly prevalent among inhabitants — a deformity said to be acquired by habitually walking in a bent posture while scanning the ground for loose diamonds.

So virulent is the diamond fever that householders there are liable to excavate recklessly beneath the foundation of their own homes, since the chances of unearthing the precious stuff even in surface soil are not negligible.

A stone's throw from Sefadu are the big diamond mines of Yengema, the center of the industry in Sierra Leone. Yengema, with its dusty wasteland of craters gouged by digging machinery, has laterly begun to figure on the itineraries of the tourism agencies here — a

Antigua, Barbuda to seek OPEC aid

WEST GERMANY, like Japan and some Scandinavian countries, do not give assistance to colonies or associated states.

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As Aussies face uphill task

Bruce Yardley at dazzling best

SYDNEY, Jan. 5. (AP) — The spinning magic of Bruce Yardley has given Australia an outside chance of winning the second Test against the West Indians at the Sydney Cricket ground on the last day on Wednesday. Yardley spun out the West Indians in their second innings on Tuesday for 255, taking seven wickets for 98 runs 31.4 overs, six of which were maidens. But the target of 373, whittled back by the Australians at the close with a score of 54 without loss, is still a formidable one for what was a brittle batting line-up in Australia's first innings.

And the West Indians still have a trump card the slow over rate of their fast attack which could limit any effort to look for runs on Wednesday.

Australian captain Greg Chappell said on Tuesday night: "We aim to bat all day but the first consideration is safety. 'We don't want to be beaten now.'

When the Australians left the field at 5.47 p.m., the second time they have done so on a bad light decision, John Dyson was batting on 32 and Bruce Laird was batting on 20.

Regular opener Graeme Wood is nursing a badly jarred left hand, hurt while fielding on the first day in covers. He was X-rayed on Sunday night but no fracture was revealed, although bad bruising has occurred in the middle joint area of the left hand, resulting in great discomfort. But Chappell said Wood will bat at No. 6 if he is required.

Bruce Yardley is enjoying a golden summer and has now taken 33 wickets in five Tests. His effort on Tuesday was even more meritorious when he revealed that he had been ill with a "flu virus".

Yardley has been the hero of the Test. His aggressive 45 in 58 minutes from 33 balls including seven boundaries in the first innings

was followed by a catch described by Chappell as brilliant when he caught Gordon Greenidge off Lillee in gully on Monday and then his stunning performance on Tuesday.

This is the fifth highest target set by the West Indians for Australia in the fourth

Score-board

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| West Indies (1st Innings) | 384 |
| Australia (1st Innings) | 267 |
| West Indies (2nd Innings) | 208 |
| G. Greenidge c Yardley b Lillee | 8 |
| D. Haynes lbw Lillee | 51 |
| V. Richards c Border b Alderman | 22 |
| L. Gomes c Border b Alderman | 43 |
| C. Lloyd c Hughes b Yardley | 57 |
| J. Dujon c and b Yardley | 48 |
| D. Murray c Laird b Yardley | 1 |
| M. Holding c Dyson b Yardley | 5 |
| S. Clarke c Dyson b Yardley | 5 |
| C. Croft not out | 4 |
| J. Gooch b Yardley | 0 |
| Extras | 11 |
| Total | 255 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-52, 3-112, 4-179, 5-208, 6-225, 7-231, 8-246, 9-255. | |
| Bowling: Lillee 20-6-50-2; Alderman 12-2-46-1; Yardley 31-4-6-58-7; Thomson 15-3-50-0. | |
| Australia (2nd Innings) | |
| B. Laird batting | 20 |
| J. Dyson batting | 32 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total (for no wkt) | 54 |
| Bowling: Holding 5-1-7-0; Clarke 7-4-7-0; Croft 6-1-15-0; Garner 4-1-10-0; Richards 4-1-7-0; Gomes 4-2-6-0. | |

innings between the two countries. The highest was 573 in the Adelaide Test on the 1979-80 tour.

And history could repeat itself in the Test here in Sydney if the events of Georgetown,

As Afiaf cracks hurricane

By a Staff Writer

Karachi Gymkhana maintains winning run

withstood the splendid bowling of these two bowlers, who kept a tidy line and length throughout.

Off the six scheduled matches on New Year's day, only four matches were gone through at Dammam, Al-Khobar and Dharan respectively. And in the four matches, the match between Pepsi Cricket XI and Abahassan GCC took an interesting turn when nature took a hand in the proceedings.

The Pepsi Cricket XI-Abahassan match, played at Al-Khobar, began promisingly for Pepsi when they rattled up 201 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the allotted 30 overs. This surprising tally was made possible by some good batting by their batsmen. Farhat Wahid led the Pepsi batsmen with an elegant 67 with Arif Qureshi (34) Pervaiz (28) and Shafqat (20) pitching in. Majeed with three for 39 and Pervaiz Khan with two for 21 were the most successful Abahassan bowlers.

Ahahassan picked up the challenge and kept up a good rate in their chase. Shafqat and Pervaiz with four for 56 and two for 11 respectively, turned the tide in Pepsi's favor by causing the Ahahassan's middle to cave in. Pervaiz was on the threshold of snatching a win with only a wicket standing between them and victory. At this stage Abahassan were 178 for nine. Pepsi had four overs to snap up Abahassan's last resistance and when nature struck a cruel blow. Play was abandoned at this stage due to bad light and when the run-rate was evaluated Pepsi found that they were behind its rivals at the 26 over mark. And according to the tournament rules Abahassan were adjudged winners.

Meanwhile, in another clash at Al-Khobar, the home team registered their first win in the tournament. Al-Khobar's 49 runs victory over Saulex was mainly due to their fine effort in restricting the Saulex Cricket Club to 169 for seven wickets. Salim Haider tried to rally Saulex with a brilliant 91, but his exit saw Saulex's rate fall.

In the all-UPM match at Dharan, UPM recorded a 178-run victory over UPM 1. Set a target of 205 by UPM SSF, the sister team failed miserably, chalking up only 127.

BRIEF SCORES:

Karachi Gymkhana Cricket Club 307 for 6 wks. in 30 overs (Afiaf 45, Arif Gul 73, Pervaiz Ahmed 32, Nadeem 2 for 71) Beat Al-Quraysh CC 106 in 21 overs (Agha Nadeem 49, Salim 23, Javid Bukhari 5 for 29, Behzad 3 for 34).

UPM SSF Cricket XI 205 for 9 wks. in 30 overs (Wasim 48, Atif 45, Nadeem 28, Hamid 23, Charman 4 for 41; Aslam Khan 3 for 40. Liqat 2 for 44) beat UPM 1.27 in 23 overs (Charman 31, Rashid Khan 37, S.M. Saeed 22, Dillawar 3 for 29 Hamid 5 for 19).

Al-Khobar Cricket XI 218 for 9 wks. in 30 overs (Arshad 40, Shahid 39, Waqar 38, S. Kuli 30, Mir 2 for 44, Shahid 2 for 32, Muzammil 2 for 37) beat Saulex Cricket Club 169 for 7 wks. in 30 overs (Salim Haider 91, Laq Ali 34, Shahid Hussain 20, Tariq 2 for 33, Naeemuddin 2 for 34).

Pepsi Cricket XI 97 for 9 wks. in 30 overs (Farhat Wahid 67, Arif Qureshi 34, Pervaiz 28, Shafqat 20, Majeed 3 for 39, Pervaiz 2 for 21) lost to Abahassan GCC (on technical ground) 178 for 9 wks. in 26 overs (Ahmed Warris 39, Zahir 28 n.o., Bedar Bakht 27, Shabbaz 25, Pervaiz Khan 22, Shafqat 4 for 56, Pervaiz 2 for 11).

Meanwhile, in another clash at Al-Khobar,

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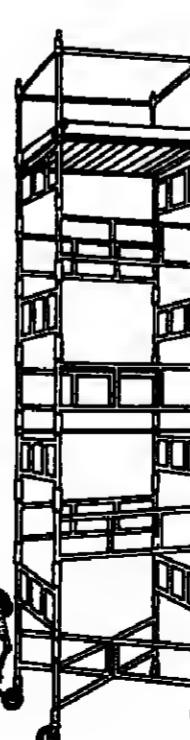
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Fitzgerald makes early exit

Unconsidered Andrews knocks out Chris Lewis

ADELAIDE, Dec. 5 (AP) — Twenty-two-year-old Andy Andrews from North Carolina overcame the extremely hot conditions late on Tuesday to defeat third-seeded Chris Lewis of New Zealand in the \$75,000 Begri South Australian Men's Open at Memorial Drive.

Andrews' victory completed a fairytale for four players who bad to play three qualifying matches over the weekend to step out on Monday and play in the first round.

Earlier Monday, two seeds made their exit. Fifth-seeded John Fitzgerald of Australia went down 2-6, 7-6, 5-7 to American Lloyd Bourne while Tim Wilksion was beaten by South Australian John James.

Andrews said after the match: "The other three players who qualified and won their first round matches Monday put a lot of pressure on me. They said they wouldn't talk to me again if I didn't win Tuesday."

Lewis, the third seed in the South Australian Open, was the only seeded player to lose on Tuesday after three others, Steve Krulevitz (7th), Rod Frawley (8th) and Mark Edmondson (1st) all had straight sets victories earlier in the day.

Andrews used a ton of aggression to down Lewis 6-4, 7-6, winning the tie-breaker 7-5 with some breath-taking backhand passing shots. Andrews turned professional only in June last year after completing a degree in

Bettina Bunge advances

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP) — Sixth-seeded Bettina Bunge ousted Pam Teeguarden 6-4, 6-4 Monday night in the opening round of the \$200,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Washington. Bunge, 18, combined a devastating backhand with her opponent's inability to make good on her first serves to capture the match.

Bunge, No. 9 in the World Tennis Rankings, broke Teeguarden three times in the first set. In the second set, Bunge appeared in complete control, leading four games to one when Teeguarden broke through twice to eventually tie the set at four. Bunge returned to her earlier form, breaking Teeguarden and then holding her own service for the match.

In other action Monday evening, Leslie Allen overcame a mismatch slump to oust Kate Latham, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1. Earlier Monday, Joanne Russell defeated Bass Nagelsen 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 and Pam Casale beat Great Britain's Jo Durie 6-3, 6-1.

Russell, who at 27 is one of the old guards on the women's tennis tour, was her own worst enemy as unforced errors and her own temper nearly cost her the match.

After dropping the first set, Russell rallied to break Nagelsen at 5-4 in the second set.

Kupreichik concedes a draw

HASTINGS, Jan. 5 (AP) — Soviet grandmaster Viktor Kupreichik, though forced to concede a draw in his round-seven game, moved to a one-point lead Monday in the ICL-Hastings International Chess Congress.

British grandmaster Jonathan Speelman gave Kupreichik a tough fight, but with no prospect of a decision, a draw was agreed after 40 moves.

Meanwhile, British Open champion Paul Littlewood resigned his adjourned sixth-round game against Manuel Rivas of Seville, Spain, in 42 moves. He then adjourned his second round game against Vasili Smyslov, the Soviet grandmaster, with his extra

move dropped Littlewood a further 1-2 point behind Kupreichik. He was already 1-2 point back on Sunday.

American Larry Christiansen won his first game in this tournament. Playing white against Hans Rhee, the Netherlands grandmaster, he forced Rhee to resign after 46 moves.

Another American, Soviet emigre Anatoly Lein, notched a first victory. Playing against the Wellington, New Zealand, international grandmaster Murray Chandler, Lein crowned a lively series of checks by forcing Chandler to concede in 35 moves.

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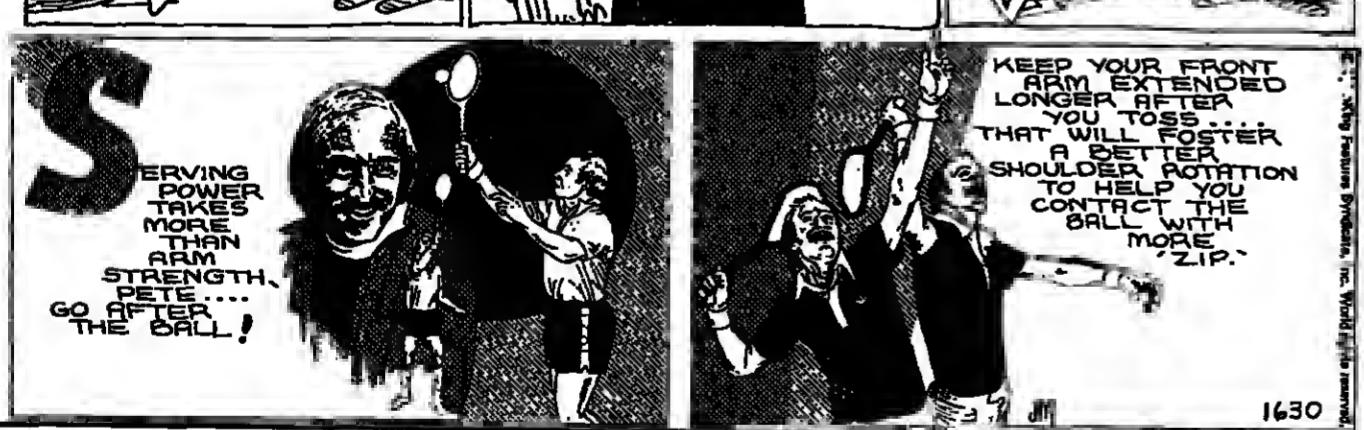
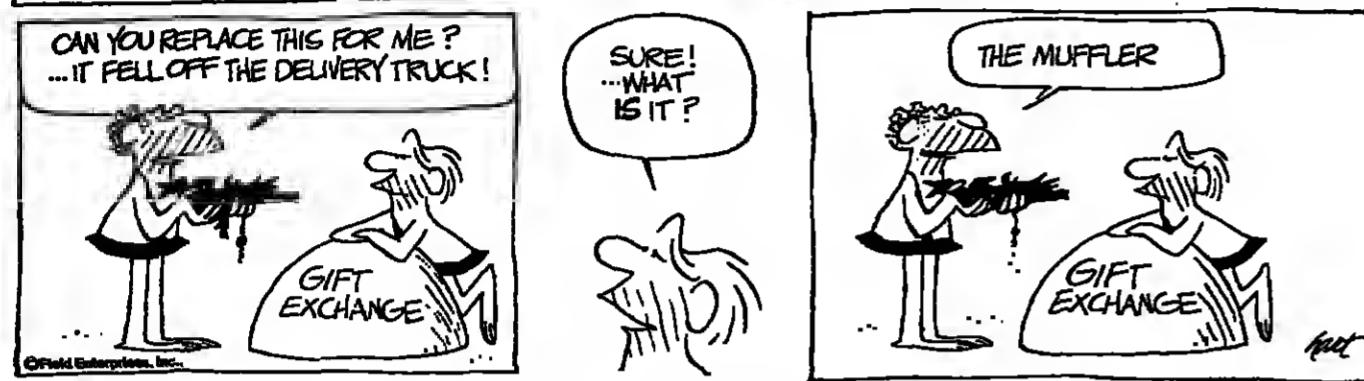
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This is a banner day for career efforts. Despite a surprise interruption at home, you'll enjoy both recognition and financial gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You'll tie up the loose ends of a financial deal. Real estate and investment matters are favored, but keep developments confidential.

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| 5:30 | English Documentary | 6:30 | Children's Series |
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| 8:00 | Arabic News | 8:10 | Authors and Books |
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After a storm of protest

South Africa to try 45 plane hijackers

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 5. (R) — Charges under South Africa's anti-hijacking laws are being brought against 45 men who flew to Durban in an Air-India Boeing 707 airliner last November after an abortive coup in the Seychelles, it was announced Tuesday.

Natal province Attorney General Cecil Rees told a press conference in Pietermaritzburg that warrants for the arrest of all the accused were issued on Jan. 1. Some of them appeared at various magistrates courts Tuesday.

Seychelles remands 7 in custody

VICTORIA, Jan. 5 (AFP) — The seven persons captured after the Nov. 25 attack on Mahe International Airport in the Seychelles appeared Tuesday for the first time in the Supreme Court here and were remanded in custody until Jan. 19 on charges of illegally importing arms of war.

State Attorney Pessy Pardiwalla told Chief Justice Earl Seaton in the heavily guarded court that more charges may be laid against the captured mercenaries as investigations continued into their involvement in the Nov. 25 attack.

The six men and a woman have been detained until Tuesday under the emergency security powers. The charges laid carry mandatory sentences of 20 years.

Six members of the group — Bernard Carey, 39, of Britain, Roger England, 27, of Zimbabwe, Frank Brooks, 38, of Zimbabwe, and Martin Dolincheck, 42, Robert Sims, 50, and Susan Ingles, 48, all of South Africa — allegedly formed part of the advance party. They arrived in the Seychelles before a group of 45 commandos were deployed on Nov. 25 as part of an unsuccessful bid to overthrow the government.

The seventh, Jeremiah Puren, 57, also of South Africa, was left behind when the mercenaries hijacked the plane following the botched attack.

Sims and his girlfriend, Mrs. Ingles, had rented a villa at La Misere which allegedly served as the base of operations in preparation for the arrival of the commandos group.

In court Tuesday, the six men, who occasionally smiled, were barefoot, with their hands handcuffed behind their backs. Mrs. Ingles was not handcuffed and was wearing sandals and a blue dress.

Indians discuss no-war pact

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5 (AFP) — India's Ambassador to Pakistan Natwar Singh, who returned here Saturday, has had separate meetings with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao regarding a no-war pact with Pakistan.

Singh also had detailed consultations with Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathe and other senior officials in the ministry on the proposed visit of the Pakistan foreign minister, Agha Shahi, which is expected to take place between Jan. 29 and 31, official sources said here Tuesday.

The ambassador, who is returning to Islamabad Wednesday, is believed to have given his assessment of Pakistan's response on India's willingness to sign a no-war pact with it on the basis of principles which are essential elements of the Simla agreement signed in 1972 by Mrs. Gandhi and the late Pakistan Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

India's willingness, conveyed to Islamabad through an aide memoire delivered by Singh on Dec. 24, is on condition that Pakistan accept the seven principles contained in the document. One of the major suggestions to Pakistan was that it resort to the principle of bilateralism in resolving all issues as provided for in the Simla agreement.

India has also reportedly suggested steps which would, in effect mean that Pakistan puts a brake on the arms race and does not

He said they would be remanded to a further hearing in Durban on Jan. 18, which would set a date for trial in the Natal Supreme Court either in Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, or Durban.

In Pretoria, police said 40 of the men had been rounded up and were presented at five South African courts. The remaining five accused had still to be tracked down. Police also said there would be no separate trial for the five alleged ringleaders, including veteran Irish-born mercenary Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare, 62, who were charged in Pretoria on Dec. 2 with kidnapping and remanded on bail.

Later in Pretoria, five men were remanded until Jan. 18 to appear in Durban on hijacking charges and granted bail of 1,000 rand each.

Of the 44 men originally detained in Durban on Nov. 26 after the Air-India plane landed from the Seychelles, 39 were freed without charge, and there was a storm of protest both at home and abroad.

Rees announced Tuesday he proposed to prosecute all the accused on four counts under the Civil Aviation Act of 1972, which gave effect to conventions covering offenses on board aircraft, unlawful seizure of aircraft and unlawful acts against civil aviation.

He did not explain the discrepancy between the original figure of 44 and the 45 he said would be prosecuted. But correspondents recalled that a wounded man was admitted to a Durban hospital after the plane landed on Nov. 26. Several other alleged mercenaries were captured in the Seychelles, where they are awaiting trial.

Rees said three of the four counts carried maximum sentences on conviction of 30 years' imprisonment, which meant the accused faced a 90-year sentence. He declined to say whether witnesses would be called from the Seychelles or from Air-India.

Among the men who returned to South Africa after the failed attempt to overthrow the Seychelles government were 24 South Africans, 11 British and six Zimbabweans.

The five who appeared in Pretoria magistrates court on Dec. 2 were Col. Hoare, who has an Irish passport, Durban photographer Peter Duffy (British), Kenneth Dalgleish (British), Charles Goatey (Zimbabwean) and television screen actor Tullio Moneta, a naturalized South African of Italian origin.

During the uproar over the Seychelles incident, government leaders including Prime Minister P.W. Botha denied any South African involvement and said international responsibilities would be respected. Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan ordered an inquiry into the possible involvement of defense force members in the affair.

Natal Attorney General Rees was put in charge of the case after leading opposition and pro-government newspapers had joined in a call for all those involved to be brought to trial.

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Government under attack for jailbreak

Italy mounts massive hunt for Dozier

VERONA, Italy, Jan. 5 (Agencies) — Italian paramilitary police mounted another big operation Tuesday in the hunt for U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier, kidnapped by Red Brigades guerrillas almost three weeks ago.

Security sources said hundreds of heavily armed police combed industrial estates and disused farm buildings on the outskirts of Verona, as well as apartments, cellars and garages in the city center. Other units searched hilltop villages in the area and warehouses, boatyards, fishing and pleasure boats at nearby Lake Garda.

Investigators believe Gen. Dozier, the senior U.S. officer at Verona's NATO base, is being held in a Red Brigades "people's prison" in the vicinity. He was abducted from

his apartment in the city on Dec. 17. In Rome, police sources said they believed that two men arrested in the capital Monday night were members of the Red Brigades.

The two suspects were stopped in a car, in which police found several rifles, a hand grenade, ammunition, iron chains and drugs.

Victims of Red Brigades kidnappings are usually chained and drugged. The men, who were carrying false passports, declared themselves political prisoners, the standard defense of Italian urban guerrillas when arrested.

Their identity was not disclosed. But police sources said they were members of the Red Brigades' Rome column which distributed propaganda leaflets last week about Gen.

Has global links

Australia busts drug racket

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 5 (AP) — An Australian police task force says it has smashed an international drug smuggling ring which makes the notorious "Mr. Asia" Syndicate look like amateurs.

Two men and two women were arrested Tuesday in raids on luxurious homes in Melbourne and are being questioned by police. The syndicate has been operating for four years, according to police, and allegedly brought about \$2.2 million in heroin into Australia on each of its regular trips from Southeast Asia.

Detectives claimed the heroin ring exposed by the police operation code named "Aries", was the most sophisticated uncovered in Australia. "It makes Terry Clarke's Mr. Asia Syndicate look like amateurs," one senior detective said.

Clarke was head of the Mr. Asia Syndicate which imported heroin valued at over \$96 million into Australia in two years. Members of the Mr. Asia gang including Clarke were sentenced in Britain last year to long sentences for drug smuggling and murder.

Police said Tuesday this syndicate was far more "professional and subtle" than the Clarke ring.

They said the group tried to control its

personnel without violence. They believe the heroin empire has links in Southeast Asia, Britain, Europe, New Zealand and the United States.

Detectives said one of the gang's couriers is considered by international law enforcement agencies to be one of the top 10 drug smugglers in the world. In Tuesday's raids the operational and administrative chiefs of the operation were arrested, according to police.

The Aries task force swung into operation after raids in Thailand last week. The Australian raids followed 11 months of painstaking undercover operations.

Police said they had made clandestine trips to Europe, Asia and the United States as they tracked down the syndicate and often used personal couriers to relay information to police in other countries rather than risk a leak by using conventional methods.

The task force was made up of police from the state of Victoria, Australian federal police and customs officers. It was headed by the Australian federal police assistant commissioner (crime), Roy Farmer, and the assistant commissioner of Victorian police, Haul Delianis.

Ghana freezes assets of 84 more

ABIDJAN, Jan. 5 (R) — Ghana's military rulers have frozen the assets of a further 84 officials of ousted President Hilla Limann's government, bringing to more than 200 the number of prominent Ghanaians coming under the coup leaders' scrutiny.

Accra radio read out a list Monday night of those whose assets, along with those of their families and organizations they control, are liable to be investigated, like those of 129 officials already named.

The Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) set up by Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, who seized power last Thursday, said Monday it had caught Limann and three bodyguards at Koforidua, a town 65 kms north of Accra.

The announcement of his arrest did not include any explanation of why he was there, saying only that the four men were being taken back to Accra. Accra radio, monitored here, has called on the public to give the police any information they have on officials of Limann's government and his now-hammed People's National Party (PNP).

Accra radio also said banks could resume normal operations Tuesday after a closure Monday to carry out an unspecified operation.

Lt. Rawlings has sacked Limann and his cabinet, banned political parties, dissolved parliament and suspended the 1979 constitution which was promulgated after Jerry Rawlings led a coup in June that year, held elections and handed power to the victor, Limann.

His first coup had the same avowed aim as

his takeover five days ago: To fight corruption and bring the ordinary Ghanaians into the decision-making process. A correspondent for Reuters in Accra said demonstrators thronged the capital Monday in support of the 34-year-old air force officer, who enjoys popularity in Ghana.

Informed sources recalled the consternation of the Limann government last year when thousands flocked to listen to Rawlings give a speech on the anniversary of the June coup. The correspondent said the capital was calm and Rawlings now had total control after troops loyal to him had overcome some initial resistance.

Rawlings Tuesday stressed the democratic nature of the regime he now heads. In a broadcast on Accra radio, Rawlings said his National Provisional Defense Council was "asking for local defense committees at all levels of national life, in the towns, in the villages, in the factories and offices."

Such committees would notably aid the Defense Council to root out corruption, Rawlings indicated. It was a "democratic revolution" which assured the basic conditions of life and survival for the population, Rawlings said. He expressed his faith in young Ghanaians and called on students to help him in the task of national reconstruction, adding, "we must not fail and we cannot fail."

Rawlings disavowed "acts of barbarism and abuses of military forces against innocent citizens," in an apparent reference to reported looting and shooting by troops in the early stages of the coup.

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Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

My yearly report on the cat we adopted as we came to London. You'll remember it, I hope, from last year's report: An aristocratic personage who has us by now thoroughly trained. You'll also remember that last year it had learnt to use the elevator all by itself, and that it had come of age so that we rarely saw it except when it came home for a quick feed and a short rest before it went out again on its early business.

Well this year's report contains some disappointments. Contrary to my expectations, the wretched animal has not yet written its first book or started on its first symphony. Cats, apparently, have other things to worry about than the state of their soul (and with nine of these apiece one can understand why they have no reason to worry.)

My work last year has been such that I had to divide my time between London and Washington. Which meant finding a house in the States and moving the family there — cat included. Indeed, it traveled in style with us in the airplane, conducting itself with such dignity in its specially designed wicker basket that it won the hostesses over completely. They fussed over it all flight long, leaving us begging in vain for some food and drink.

In America this thoroughly English cat resumed its questionable nocturnal habits. I tried to make it understand the dangers of life in America's cities, especially at night. But out it went each night, and was nuzzled mugged even by the neighborhood's tough cats.

Then came the time for us to go back to Britain to spend some time there. We couldn't take it back with us as it would have had to spend something like six months in quarantine. We couldn't leave it alone in the house. So a solution had to be found.

We asked around and were told that we could leave it at a hotel for domestic pets! A hotel, mind you. Not a kennel or a place for cats. We found one and had to make an appointment to see the manager.

He told us that the rooms on offer range from the "presidential suit" to the humdrum "single without a bath." He gave us a menu of cat food to choose its diet. And was positively upset when I told him "no thanks, I don't think daily bath and shampoo was necessary."

Finally, it came to writing down the cat's name in the register. "Barood," I said to the manager, and spelled it for him. "Family name?" he asked. That almost floored me. "Family name?" I protested, "it's just a cat."

But my little daughter was there and understood the situation perfectly. "Family name: Al Khazen, spelled..." So now it is officially one of us. A cat in the family tree.

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